

**Mr. Mac McGregor, Ice Reconnaissance Field Manager, Canadian Ice Service receives Commissioner's Commendation**

On July 13, 2005, Charles Gadula, Director General CCG Maritime Services (second from right, Photo 2 & 3) and David Jackson, Manager National Icebreaking Program (far right, Photo 2 & 3) made a presentation of a Commissioner's Commendation to Mr. Malcolm McGregor (second from left, Photo 2 & 3), Ice Reconnaissance Field Manager for the Canadian Ice Service.

As a result of the DAAP and internal reviews, the CCG Icebreaking Program had \$1M removed from its ice information budget of \$10.295M in the Federal Budget tabled in February 2005. This has necessitated completely reorganizing the aerial reconnaissance program from a dedicated 4 engine DASH 7 aircraft operated by First Air for the CIS, to a combined operations twin-engine DASH 8 aircraft, run by Transport Canada (TC) Air Services for both the Icebreaking program needs and those of the TC National Aerial Surveillance Program. Mr. McGregor played a pivotal role leading his team in identifying the pros and cons of such a move, and implementing the resultant decision. While doing this work, he faced many challenges and changes. He put aside his own preferences and as a team player eagerly organized the program efficiently and effectively in order to satisfy CCG HQ and Regional Program needs as well as those of CIS and TC. He responded positively, quickly and effectively to both complaint and suggestion and has made a tremendous success in combining two distinct operations. It is due to his professionalism and dedication that we have a successful integration of aerial reconnaissance that effectively satisfies the mandates of three Departments, as well as accommodates the demands of a reduced budget and at the same time maintains program effectiveness and vessel safety.

It was the greatest of pleasures for the DG and myself to be able to recognize, in such a public fashion, the great work done by Mac in the amalgamation of this effort. At the same time, Mike Manore (far left, Photo 2 & 3 and right in Photo 1), Director of the Canadian Ice Service also presented Andre Pelland (left, Photo 1), A/Chief of Field Services, Canadian Ice Service, with an instant award for Mac and his entire team in recognition for their efforts.

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David Jackson,  
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